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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -Al Munro

Last month, I reported the passing of long-time wood collector Pat White. This month, I am sorry to report the passing of another long-time supporter of wooden token collecting. Glenn Rodger passed away in early March after an extended illness. Glenn previously lived in Ottawa where he issued several personalized woods that are still much sought after by collectors. Glenn then moved to the Maritimes where he was active in promoting and collecting wooden tokens of the Maritimes. Glenn was named an honorary life member of CAWMC for his work in promoting wooden token collecting. He will be missed by his collector friends.

The 2007 Calgary Spring show was a great success with record attendance. I was able to pick up quite a few merchant tokens for my collection but added nothing to my wood collection. I was also unsuccessful at the annual Wild Rose Antique and Collectors' show in Edmonton in mid April. I hope you collectors have more success than I have had at recent shows.

The publishing of the list of Charter members in the April newsletter has brought back some good memories of my interaction with many of these former members. In answer to Ross' question of 'Where are they all today?', Reg Smith, Norm Williams and Don Stewart are all still alive but no longer collecting wooden tokens. As Ross suggested, many of the others have passed away. I met many of the founding members at various conventions and shows and shared correspondence with many others. A few of the more memorable members are: Garry Braunwarth was the co-founder of our Association along with Vic Hall. Garry was also the editor of 'Timber Talk' for many years and was named an honorary life member of CAWMC for his work in promoting our hobby. Garry lives just outside Calgary and has not been aggressively pursuing his hobby recently due to family and business priorities, but still collects wooden tokens.

Of course, Norm Belsten is well known for his enthusiasm in our collecting hobby. Norm also catalogues and manufactures wooden tokens. Norm was named an honorary life member of CAWMC for his work in promoting our hobby. Don Stewart is known for his work in researching and cataloguing merchant tokens of Alberta and Manitoba. Don lives in the Victoria, B.C. area and has more or less retired from collecting numismatic material.

Clarence Kramer was known for his wooden money suit. I never met Clarence but all reports indicate that he was a real gentleman.

These are just a few of the names that come to mind from the list of founding members. If anyone else has some special thoughts they could share concerning these people, please take a minute to forward them to Ross.

Good luck in your collecting efforts.

Editor's Note:

As Al has mentioned above, Glenn Rodger who was an honorary life member of CAWMC has passed away. On **page three** of this newsletter I have reprinted an 'In Memoriam' on Glenn, written by APNA member Rick Chalmers, that appeared in the most recent issue of the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association newsletter "The Atlantic Numismatist". This full page article was forwarded to me by CAWMC member Paul Johnson. Thanks for this, Paul. As well, CAWMC member Bob Savoy has forwarded to me the obituary for Glenn and some comments, all of which I have reprinted on **page two**. Thank you, Bob.

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995
(deceased)

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003
(deceased)

Norm Belsten – 2003-2005

Glenn Rodger -Bob Savoy

I have known Glenn and Mildred Rodger ever since I began collecting wooden money in the mid 1980's. Glenn could always be found selling and trading coins at the various shows. He and Mildred have issued many woods over the years beginning in Ottawa and later in Fredericton. Glenn was a founding member of the APWMA, served for many years as its president and was its driving force until he suffered a stroke in the late 90's and was then unable to keep up his hobby. He co-published three wooden money catalogues on Atlantic Provinces woods and also an excellent book on Fredericton post cards. Glenn was the editor of the APWMA newsletter 'Tree Talk' for many years. He was truly a dedicated collector.



RODGER, GLENN BRIEN - The death of Glenn Brien Rodger occurred peacefully at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital on March 5th, 2007. Born in the Ottawa Valley on April 21st, 1920. He served in the RCAF followed by a long career with the Queen's Printer in Ottawa, retiring to Fredericton in 1979. Glenn was a numismatic for many years, president of the Ottawa Coin Club, and secretary of the APNA. Glenn is survived by his loving wife Mildred (Ingalls) of 61 years, son Brien, daughter Brenda (Basil) Collett all of Kelowna, BC; brothers, Gayle, Arnold, Clive, and several nieces and nephews. Glenn was predeceased by his parents and one brother Ralph.

There will be no visitation by request. A celebration of Glenn's life will take place at Grace Memorial United Baptist Church on Friday, March 9th, 2007 at 2:00 pm with The Rev. Doug Hapeman officiating. A reception will take place in the church hall immediately following the service. For those who wish, memorial tributes made to Grace Memorial United Baptist Church or the charity of choice would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to **McAdam's Select Community Funeral Home**, 160 York Street, Fredericton, NB. 458-9170 www.mcadamsfh.com

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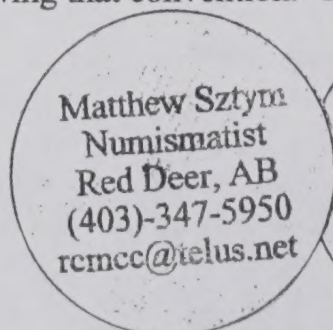
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 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

This wood, green both sides, was distributed by Matt, on the bourse floor, at last year's C.N.A. convention in Niagara Falls. Matt is a seventeen year old coin dealer from Red Deer, Alberta. He gave our President enough woods for all members, following that convention. Thank you, Matt.



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In Memoriam

Atlantic Canada has lost a fine gentleman and one of her most knowledgeable and dedicated numismatists. The executive of the Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association would like to extend their sympathies and those of our general membership to Mrs. Mildred Rodger, family and friends of the late Glenn B. Rodger (Fredericton, N. B.) who passed away March 7, 2007.

Glenn was a truly dedicated collector who not only enjoyed the research, but a person who thoroughly enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others, through participation and involvement in a good number of organizations over a long period of years. As noted in his obituary Glenn was President of the Ottawa Coin Club and had earlier served the A.P.N.A. as our Secretary for many years.

On May 15th, 1982, an association was organized in Newcastle, New Brunswick to assist the collector and to bring regional collectors together twice a year to further their collecting interests. The name of this organization is "Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Association." The reason for using wooden money is for advertising and promotional purposes and the giving of souvenirs of a particular place or event.

It should be noted that Glenn and his wife were in large part the founders and driving force behind the creation and promotion of this organization. The A.P.W.M.A. was our sister club, complementing and working with the A.P.N.A. for many years. Glenn's achievements were many, including the research, energy, and efforts needed to publish *Wooden Money of Atlantic Canada* (first edition 1986) (second edition 1989) which concluded with the large third edition in 1996. I am pleased to have in my library signed editions of all three fine works Glenn wrote with the help of David G. Taylor.

It must be further noted with some more sadness, that several years ago the A.P.W.M.A. ceased to exist in a formal way. It is a great credit to Glenn and Mildred that even in dissolution, the books and records were maintained in such a correct and careful way. Further it was the Rodgers' mutual request that the A.P.N.A. be the recipient of their surplus material and balance of club funds.

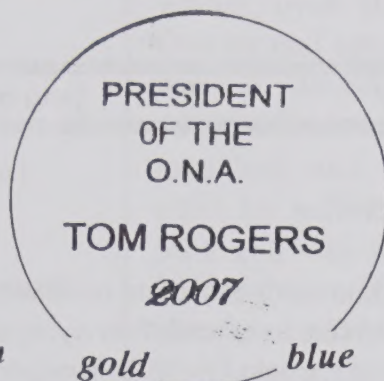
On a closing personal note I regret that I didn't personally get to know Glenn as well as many of our other members did over the years. I can say, however, from what has been related to me, that he was extremely well liked, well informed, and a credit to our hobby and to his adopted city of Fredericton and Province of New Brunswick.

The editor of the A.P.N.A. would welcome any further elaboration - in an article about Glenn's contributions to the hobby. Perhaps one of our friends / members in N.B. would like to step up and share some history / memories with us.

Rick Chalmers

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 'WOODS' ISSUED:

Shown here are the *eleven* personal souvenir woods that were issued at the recent O.N.A. convention in London, Ontario. Colours are indicated with the obverse on the left and reverse on the right. Half of Dave Gillespie's woods are multi/blue and half are black/blue. Larry White's wood can be obtained for a SASE with \$.63 in U.S. postage. I'm assuming that all others can be obtained for a similar SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope).

Common
Obverse

gold blue



blue blue



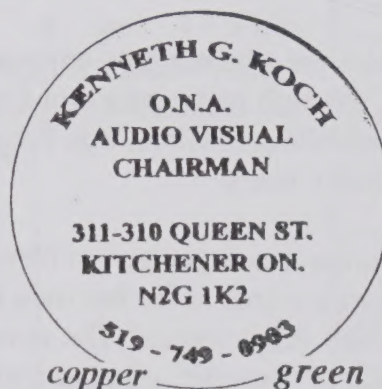
copper gold



green green



blue red



copper green



green-blue



blue



multi



red



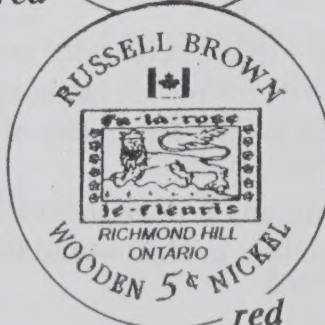
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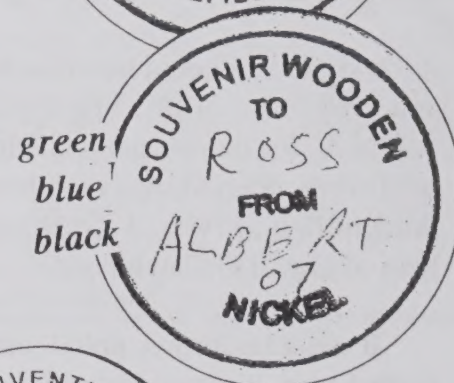
blue



blue



red

green
blue
black

lt. blue

HOONAH WOOD CHIP AND TOKEN -by David Phillips

While on an Alaskan Cruise, I had the occasion to visit the rehabilitated ninety-four year old Hoonah Packing Company fish cannery in **Icy Strait Point**, which Strait cuts dramatically into Chichagof Island, which in turn lies 50 miles west of Juneau, Alaska.

The Cannery, originally built in 1912, and run, on and off until finally closing in 1953, has been acquired by a native corporation from the Tlingit Village of **Hoonah**, one mile away.

The Cannery has been refurbished with some of its original machinery restored to working order. Many buildings have been rehabilitated and twelve gift shops offering Alaskan crafts and wares, are interspersed amongst the historic displays.

Of interest to numismatic collectors are the following two items:

Upon arrival, via tender from the cruise ship, at the Cannery dock, visitors are met by a Tlingit host, who presents each guest with a small envelope containing *a card and a cedar chip*.

Later in the day, when the guests gather at the dock to be tendered back to the cruise ship, again a Tlingit host appears on the dock and presents everyone with *an aluminum token*.

These tokens, *on one side* are replicas of the tokens issued years ago by the Cannery for redemption in its company store. Samples of original tokens are on display amongst the historical artifacts. *The other side* is a contemporary design exemplifying the Hoonah native corporation's view—*'Pulling Together'*.



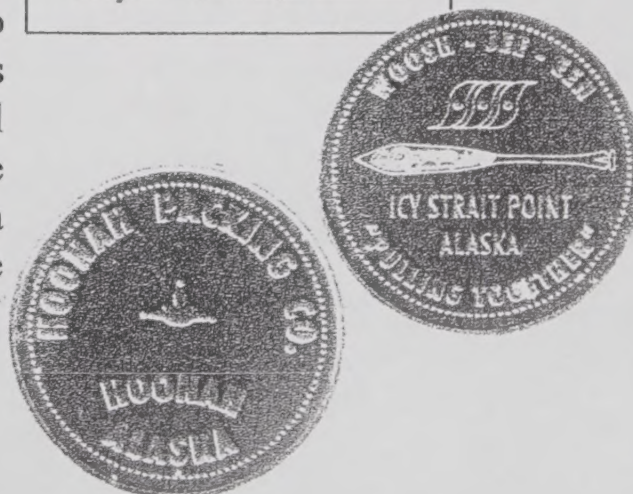
Your cedar chip is a symbol of all that defines this wondrous place; the sea, the wilderness, our history and culture. In keeping with tradition of all those who visit Icy Strait Point, contribute your cedar chip and sustain the light of the fire at Campfire Point, sharing in the legacy of all who set foot on these shores.

TLINGIT

Yaa Kees Koostee Haa gèet aa tee
Kaa yaa xaan haa oo daichi
Kaa yaa s'eeh tsu yeex aa Kustee
Aa Geex aa tee nuch

ENGLISH

The sea brings life.
Fire brings communion.
Smoke spreads our spirit.
The ash gives birth to new life.



SAMBO'S CORNER 'REVISITED' - by Bob Brown

Editor's Note: C.A.W.M.C. member Bob Brown not only has been writing updates for the Dairy Queen tokens but also writing updates for 'Sambo's' restaurant wood collectors. To date he has written two Sambo's updates, and I reprint them here. Some of the repeated content in the two articles has been edited out, but all of the pertinent information in the two articles is unchanged.

- **by Bob Brown** A number of years ago, Joy Parrish used to run articles in various wooden money newsletters called "Sambo's Corner". She would list any new Sambo's Chips and inform readers of any new Sambo's restaurants opening. It seems Joy knew one of the Sambo's restaurant chain officials quite well, and was privy to new information.

Joy is no longer with us and the Sambo's restaurant chain went out of business in the late 1970's because of various problems. A new token has, however, come to light and here is what I know about it.

This token was sent to me by David Clouse of Ohio. It is the traditional red in colour and is almost identical to the Type 5 tokens that Merlin Malehorn listed in his book "Coffee Anyone". For those not familiar with Merlin's book, it dealt with tokens with 'coffee' on them. The first part of the book was strictly Sambo's, the second part was tokens with the word 'coffee' on them and the third part was of tokens other than wood.

Merlin passed away several years ago, but when we were corresponding, he sent me an article from a newspaper about a Sambo's restaurant that had burned down, out in Oregon, in 2002. This article was sent to Merlin by a friend. According to the letter that Merlin sent to me, this Sambo's restaurant was in business before the Sambo's chain started.

Now, this 1999 dated token is from Santa Barbara . Beach, CA. The information David gave me was that this Sambo's had also burned down but was now back in business and located on the same site as the original Sambo's restaurant.

Does anyone have information on either of these Sambo's? They are obviously two different Sambo's, since the token shown here is dated 1999 and the article about the Sambo's in Oregon has it burning down in 2002.

In my previous article, I wrote about a Sambo's restaurant from Santa Babara - Beach, that had burned down and had been rebuilt, but when, I don't know. In 1999, it issued the token shown above. Santa Barbara had been the headquarters of the Sambo's restaurant chain. In the first article, I reported on a Sambo's, in Oregon, that had burned down. That was reported to me by Merlin Malehorn, who has since passed away. This happened sometime in the early 2000's and the information I received was it also would be rebuilt. This restaurant was not part of the Sambo's chain of restaurants from the 1970's. It was an independent Sambo.

This past September, while at the wooden money swap meet in Hermitage, PA, I received a token (shown at right) from CAWMC member Rich Boyles. It is very different from the Sambo's most people are used to seeing. The obverse is black with "Lil' Sambos" with a crouching tiger. Below that is LINCOLN CITY, OREGON 994-3626. On the reverse is "TUIT".

If anyone has any information on this restaurant, or the token, or on the Santa Barbara . Beach restaurant token, or any other Sambo's restaurant tokens, please contact me so I can pass on the information through these news articles.

Write to me at P.O. Box 124, Highspire, PA 17034 or call me at 717-944-9586. Anyone sending information will receive credit for it, in the news article.

